

Quarterly Division Award

Fire Department 71C Shift

Letter of Commendation

Station 71, C Shift

Engineer/Paramedic: Chuck Cruz

Engineer/Paramedic: Rob Huffman

Firefighter: James Simmons

Firefighter/Paramedic: Cody Kirkham

On September 17, 2008, your crew was dispatched to a 3 year old drowning patient who was found in a canal by her mother. Upon arrival you were presented with an unconscious but responsive child who had water in her lungs and a body core temperature of 90 degrees. You initiated and continued ALS care until arrival of Life Flight. The child was admitted to Primary Children's Hospital in critical condition.

Later that night you responded to a gunshot victim in the road on 6000 West. The patient had been shot in the elbow and stomach by an unknown weapon. The patient was deteriorating rapidly with severe bleeding in the abdomen. This patient also required ALS care and was flown by Air Med to the University Hospital.

Although we run numerous medicals each shift it isn't common to have two critical patients that need to be flown by the same engine company. In both of these situations your performance was commendable. Both patients required the highest level of ALS care to keep them alive until they could reach the hospital. Both situations were high stress and stretched your ability to deal with them.

This letter is to commend and thank you for your service to the citizens of West Valley City. Your ability to adapt your training to both situations deserves to be recognized and praised. In both situations you were required to perform not only under mentally stressful conditions but under physically challenging ones on the living room floor in one situation and in the middle of the road at night in the other. Your commitment to training and performance made a difference to both patients at the incidents.

Thank you for your service and commitment. I am confident you will continue to train and perform to continue to serve West Valley City.

Sincerely,
Dean Williams
Battalion Chief, C Shift